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FOLLOWING IS MEDIA REACTION ON SECRETARY'S VISIT FROM
SAO PAULO AFTERNOON DAILIES FEBRUARY 18:

1. GAZETA MERCANTIL (BUSINESS-ORIENTED):
FRONT PAGE COMMENTARY BY JOSE NEGREIROS QUOTES BRAZILIAN
DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS SAYING: "THE MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC
ISSUE IN THE TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND
BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES WILL NO DOUBT BE BRAZIL'S TRADE
DEFICIT WITH THE U.S. THIS SUBJECT WILL BE TREATED
POLITICALLY, IN VIEW OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE AS AN INOPPORTUNE
ELEMENT WHICH CANNOT BE KEPT FOR TOO LONG IN THE
COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

COMMENTARY BY CARLY BAPTISTA ON SUBSIDIES TO
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BRAZILIAN EXPORTS SAYS: "THIS THEME WAS POINTED OUT

YESTERDAY BE A GOVERNMENT SOURCE IN BRASILIA AS ONE OF THE 'POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES' BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE U.S., WHICH MAY BE DISCUSSED BY BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS OF THE ECONOMIC AREA AND SECSTATE KISSINGER. BRAZIL, HOWEVER, WILL BE RELATIVELY RELAXED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE. OUR INCENTIVES TO EXPORTS EXEMPT THE PAYMENT OF TAXES IN THE COUNTRY (THEY ARE NOT DIRECT STIMULA TO EXPORTATION). THEY HAVE BEEN APPLIED ON A 'CASE BY CASE' BASIS AND ARE ALWAYS GRANTED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES ALSO SEEM NOT TO BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT SPECULATIONS THAT U.S. PRODUCERS INTEND TO DENOUNCE THE EXPORTS OF SOYBEAN OIL TO THE UNITED STATES AS HIGHLY SUBSIDIZED."

RE SECRETARY'S MACUTO SPEECH GAZETA MERCANTIL CALLED IT "OONG AND RHETORICAL" AND ADDED THAT THE "THE GREAT NOVELTY IT BROUGHT WAS THE U.S. WELCOME TO THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA)."

GAZETA'S EDITORIAL, "THE GOOD OPPORTUNITIES OPENED BY THIS VISIT" SAYS: "SELDOM IN THE RECENT HISTORY OF BRAZIL-U.S. RELATIONS HAS THE OCCASION OF A VISIT LIKE THIS BEEN SO IMPORTANT TO REAFFIRM THE GOOD WILL AND CORDIALITY BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH THE TWO PARTS RECOGNIZE THERE IS NO 'NEW PHASE' IN THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THEIR GOVERNMENTS, IT IS KNOWN THAT PROBLEMS EXIST (SOMETIMES DIFFICULT ONES) AWAITING SOLUTIONS. CONTRARY TO WHAT IS BEING SPREAD, THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT MORE DIFFICULT (THAN THE OTHERS), ARE THOSE WHICH NEED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. THE HEALTH OF (BILATERAL) RELATIONS IMPOSE ON THE U.S. THE REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST IF POSTPONE CERTAIN PROTECTIONIST MEASURES WHICH COULD SERIOUSLY HURT THE DECISIVE BRAZILIAN EFFORT TO IMPROVE ITS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.)

2. JORNAL DA TARDE (CONSERVATIVE)

FRONT PAGE HEADLINE: " KISSINGER PROPOSES A NEW PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICA." USIS-SUPPLIED TEXT OF MACUTO SPEECH CARRIED IN TWO PAGES COMPLETE WITH REPORTS ON TALKS WITH PEREZ AND CLASHES BETWEEN POLICE AND STUDENTS:

EDITORIAL TITLED "THE NEW THREATS OF THE CARIBBEAN UNCLASSIFIED

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NAPOLEON" SAYS CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA CREATED "A NEW AND POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION WHICH CONSTITUTES A SERIOUS DANGER TO LATIN AMERICA. CASTRO IS ACTING IN OTHER PARTS (OF THE WORLD) AS A "PAWN OF THE SOVIET POLICY", AS SENATOR JAMES BUCKLEY OBSERVED, BUT IT IS IN THE COUNTRIES OF THIS HEMISPHERE THAT THE NAPOLEON OF THE CARIBBEAN TENDS TO EXPAND HIS AMBITIONS...IT REMAINS TO SEE WHAT THE U.S. WILL DO

IN FACE OF THE THREAT. WILL THE SECRETARY OF STATE
LIMIT HIMSELF TO BLAMING THE CONGRESS FOR THE
AMERICAN OMISSION? AND WHAT ABOUT THE THREE COUNTRIES
OF THE HEMISPHERE WHICH A SHORT TIME AGO WERE
STRUGGLING TO REINTEGRATE FIDEL CASTRO IN THE
HEMISPHERIC COMMUNITY? WHAT DO THEY HAVE TO SAY?."

STORY TITLED "WHAT HE (KISSINGER) CAN DISCUSS IN
BRAZIL" SAYS: " MILITARY SOURCES IN BRASILIA DO NOT
BELIEVE SECSTATE KISSINGER WILL MAKE ANY APPROACH ON
THE ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BRAZIL BECAUSE THEY
UNDERSTAND THAT KISSINGER WOULD NOT COMMIT THE
DISCOURTESY AND EVEN THE FAUX-PAS OF INTERFERING IN
BRAZILIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS THAT INVOLVE NATIONAL
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